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OHIO SENATOR J D VANCE IS TRUMP'S VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Former US president Donald Trump on Monday announced that Ohio Senator J D Vance will be his running mate for the 2024 elections

J D Vance

DON TO BE OFFICIALLY GOP'S PREZ CANDIDATE

"I have decided that the person best suited to assume the position of Vice President of the United States is Senator J D Vance," Trump wrote on Truth Social. Vance was elected senator in 2022 and has no prior political experience. The GOP convention to officially name Trump as the party's candidate began in Milwaukee on Monday

CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS CASE DISMISSED

- Trump told *The New York Post* that he had prepared an "extremely tough" speech against Biden for the event, but decided to tone it down to avoid fuelling political divisions in light of the shooting | P12
- Meanwhile, a Florida judge appointed by Trump dismissed a criminal case against him on charges of mishandling top-secret documents

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ANGLE IN VANCE'S NOMINATION AS HE IS MARRIED TO USHA CHILUKURI

CBI PROBE

SC refuses to quash FIR against DKS

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

IN a major blow to Karnataka deputy chief minister D K Shivakumar, the Supreme Court on Monday rejected his petition challenging the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)'s first information report (FIR) against him in the disproportionate assets case. The Congress leader had moved the court after the Karnataka High Court declined his plea to quash the CBI case.

Rejecting Shivakumar's petition, a bench of justices Bela M Trivedi and Satish Chandra Sharma said it agreed with the high court order.

According to the CBI, Shivakumar amassed assets disproportionate to his known sources of income between 2013 and 2018. He was a minister in the previous Congress government during this period. The agency filed the FIR in September 2020 after obtaining sanction from the then BJP-led government. Shivakumar challenged it in the high court in 2021, but did not get a favourable order.

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Shivakumar, argued that the sanction was later withdrawn. Rohatgi further said there can't be a CBI FIR for the same transaction when the Income Tax department is already investigating the matter. The bench, however, did not agree.

Reacting to the Supreme Court's verdict, Shivakumar said in Bengaluru that he has done no wrong but will abide by the court's order.

DKS' SHOES GO MISSING

Bengaluru: DyCM DK Shivakumar lost his shoes during a groundbreaking ceremony for white-topping of roads in Bengaluru on Monday. Shivakumar, who had removed his shoes near the venue to participate in "bhoomi puja" at Bashyam Circle near Sadashivnagar, later found them missing.

Cabinet okays 10.5% pay hike to make it 27.5%

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@ Bengaluru

THE state cabinet on Monday decided to implement the recommendations of the Seventh Pay Commission with effect from August 1.

The commission headed by former chief secretary K Sudhakar Rao had recommended a 27.5% increase on the basic pay of employees.

The previous BJP government led by Basavaraj Bommai approved a 17% hike as interim relief. The Siddaramaiah government will now further hike by 10.5% to take it to 27% as recommended by the commission.

In the run-up to the Assembly elections, the Congress promised to implement the commission's recommendations. With this, the government will incur an additional expenditure of Rs 8,000 crore annually.

"We are happy with the government's decision as employees are eligible for benefits notionally from August 1, 2022. But the salary revision is effective from August 1, 2024. We expected it to be from April 1, 2024 and employees will miss four months' arrears. However, we are unhappy with the cabinet for not taking decisions on switching back to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) from the New Pension Scheme (NPS) and the health benefits recommended by the commission. Our fight for these benefits will continue," state government employees' president CS Shadakshari said. **OTHER DECISIONS: P5**

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah speaks in the Assembly on Monday | EXPRESS

Local employment bill

According to sources, the cabinet approved the Employment of Local Candidates' Bill to ensure jobs for local youth in the private sector as per the recommendations of the Sarojini Mahishi panel. The panel had recommended quota for Kannadigas.

CONTINENTAL SUPREMACY

Alvaro Morata (above) with the Henri Delaunay Trophy after Spain purred their way to a 2-1 win over England. The best team in the tournament, went seven in seven en route to winning their fourth Euros. Lionel Messi holds aloft the Copa America title after an edgy 1-0 win over Colombia in extra-time. It was a record 16th Copa title for the world champions | AP | P15

SC junks review plea against its order on Adani

Chandrachud-led bench rules there is no error apparent in its January 3 judgment

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court has rejected a petition seeking review of its January 3 verdict dismissing a plea for a probe by the CBI or an SIT into allegations of stock price manipulation by the Adani Group as suggested by a report put out by US-based Hindenburg Research. "Having perused the review petition, there is no error apparent on the face of the record. No case for review under Order XLVII Rule 1 of the Supreme Court Rules 2013. The review petition is, therefore, dismissed," said a three-judge bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra.

The order was passed on May 8 and published on the apex court's website on Monday.

While dismissing the review plea, the apex court said that no case was made out by petitioner Anamika Jaiswal against its January 3 verdict. In that order, the SC had held that there was no valid ground to enter into the regulatory domain of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) and direct it to hand over its probe to an alternative agency as sought by petitioners in a batch of pleas, which relied on the findings of the Hindenburg Research report. "There was no material to show Sebi was lackadaisical in taking steps or had a regulatory failure, warranting a probe by a SIT or CBI," it said.

According to the review petition, there was fresh material to show the Adani Group violated Rule 19A of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules. The rule says listed companies need to maintain minimum public shareholding of 25% within specified periods. This factor, which was not considered in the January 3 judgement, needs a thorough probe, the review plea said.

The plea had said the markets regulator in its report had only updated the court about the status of the 24 investigations it undertook following the allegations, whether they were complete or incomplete, but did not disclose any findings or details of action taken.

In its January judgment, the SC noted that Sebi completed investigation in 22 out of the 24 matters. It also noted that the regulator was conducting a "comprehensive investigation" into the allegations and its conduct "inspires confidence".

Fresh material

The review plea argued that there was new material to prove that the Adani Group violated law by not maintaining minimum public shareholding of 25% within certain periods of time

CJI agrees to take his call on hearing money bill case soon

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THE Supreme Court on Monday agreed to consider commencing hearings on challenges to the passage of important laws like the Aadhaar Act as money bills, allegedly to bypass the Rajya Sabha.

A money bill can be introduced only in the Lok Sabha. Once Lok Sabha clears it with a simple majority, Rajya Sabha cannot amend or reject it. It can make recommendations, which may or may not be accepted by the Lower House.

The NDA does not have a majority in the Rajya Sabha. It currently has 101 seats in the 245-member House where 123 seats are needed for majority.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, representing the petitioners, told the bench comprising Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud and justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra that since the matter is already in the list of scheduled Constitution bench hearings, it should be created on a priority basis. To this, the CJI said, "I will take the call when I form the Constitution benches."

A seven-judge Constitution bench has already been formed to hear the matter, but it has not yet commenced hearings. The judges had assured the petitioners that the court would start its hearings soon. In the 2018 Aadhaar judgment, the top court upheld the validity of the passage of the law as a money bill. However, Justice Chandrachud, had penned a dissenting verdict that said designating the Aadhaar legislation as a money bill was a "fraud on the Constitution".

Later in the day, the Congress welcomed the court's decision.

K'taka to launch India's first GCC policy soon

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KARNATAKA will soon be launching the country's first Global Capability Centres (GCC) policy aiming at hosting more than 15% (330) of world's top Forbes 2000 enterprises by 2030. This will help create over one million jobs in different sectors, according to Karnataka's GCC Landscape Report.

The report was released here on Monday by Priyank Kharge, Minister for IT-BT and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Department of Science and Technology, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM), and ANSEs, an advisory firm that works with GCCs.

GCC leaders and industry veterans, who participated in the event, held discussions on strategies to solidify and elevate the state's role as a premier destination for GCCs.

The report stated that there are about 5.70 lakh professionals employed in GCCs and Bengaluru holds a 39% market share in India.

Priyank Kharge, Minister for RDPR and IT and BT, speaks after releasing Global Capability Centre report in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Karnataka houses 570 GCCs with a 2x enterprise-ready talent compared to other states. The IT-capital, with its skilled professionals, advanced technological infrastructure and vibrant business ecosystem, wants to promote GCCs, the report said.

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CAUVERY TN ALL-PARTY MEET OVER RIVER ISSUE

Condemning K'taka's stance on not releasing 1tmcft of Cauvery water, the Tamil Nadu government to hold an all-party meeting on Tuesday | P5

EXPRESS READ

4 die in accidents on NICE Road in one day

Bengaluru: Four people lost their lives in two horrific accidents on NICE Road on Monday. In the first accident, three persons lost their lives when their SUV rammed into another SUV. In another, a 42-year-old man died in a serial accident involving four vehicles | P3

Monsoon vigorous over K'taka, red alert issued

Bengaluru: Heavy rain continued to lash several districts of Karnataka affecting normalcy. IMD has issued a red alert for south-interior and coastal districts on July 16. Jagalbet in Uttara Kannada received the highest rain of 250 mm in India in 24 hours period | P5

ASI FILES BHOJSHALA REPORT; VINDICATED, SAYS HINDU SIDE

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

THE Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) on Monday submitted to the Indore bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court, its report on the 98-day scientific survey at the Bhojshala Temple-Kamal Maula Mosque in western MP's Dhar town.

"The detailed report comprising 2,000-plus pages in 10 volumes has been submitted to the HC, as directed by it on July 4. The next hearing is on July 22," the ASI/Central government's counsel Himanshu Joshi said.

While Joshi refused to divulge the contents of the report, senior advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain, who represents the petitioner, Hindu Front for Justice (HFJ), claimed the survey's outcome vindicated their stand.

"The ASI's report makes our case strong. We'll proceed to the Supreme Court for vacation of the stay order dated April 1, 2024, seeking an early hearing," Jain told this newspaper.

Jain's father Harishankar Jain had filed the writ petition in the matter in 2022. He said, "The ASI's report has now established that there was a Hindu temple and Vedas, Shastras and Sanskrit education was imparted at the gurukul (university) there. More than 94 broken sculptures/idols of Hindu gods have been recovered from there during the ASI survey."

Despite repeated attempts, Mohd Abdul Samad, the head of the Maulana Kamaluddin Welfare Society, who represents the Muslim side in the matter, could not be contacted.

A section of the structure surveyed by ASI | EXPRESS

AMPLE PROOF: PETITIONER

Enormous evidence has been found to establish that there was a grand Hindu temple and a gurukul and not a mosque, petitioner Harishankar Jain said

KIA Road: Cops to book lane rule breakers from today

RAKSHITH GOWDA @ Bengaluru

TO reduce accidents and avert traffic snarls, Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) will strictly enforce lane discipline on the busy Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) Road (Bengaluru-Ballari Road - NH 44) from Tuesday. Those violating traffic rules and lane discipline will be penalised Rs 500. Lack of lane discipline among motorists is the main reason for traffic congestion and road accidents in the city.

DCP (North-Traffic) Siri Gowri told TNIE that the initiative was prompted by frequent traffic jams caused by heavy goods vehicles slowing down the movement of other vehicles on KIA Road. The enforcement area stretches from Kodigehalli flyover to Sadahalli in the limits of Yelahanka, Hebbal, Chikkajala and Devanahalli traffic police stations. Motorists violating lane discipline will be booked under Section 177 of the Indian Motor Vehicles Act and fined Rs 500, he said.

A senior traffic police officer said fines will be collected manually from the offenders using interceptors. Accidents happen when motorists fail to follow lane discipline and overtake other vehicles. Drivers of heavy goods vehicles should take the left lane, while others can take the central and right lanes, strictly adhering to speed limits, he added. After lane discipline was strictly enforced on the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway, 6,406 cases were booked in 28 days in April-May.